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RE: Docket Number 98P-0151/CP1

To Whom It May Concern:

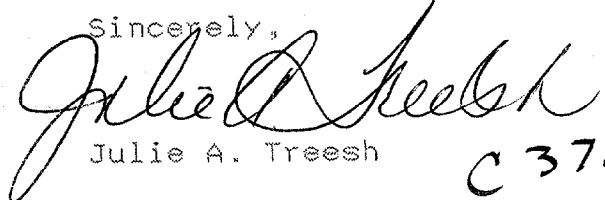
I am writing to you to express my concern regarding the slaughter of downed animals. My immediate family does not currently consume meat products but it certainly concerns me that so many people do and they are not aware of the problems with consuming animals that cannot enter the slaughterhouse on their own. With all of the new reports on the problems with BSE (Mad Cow Disease) it amazes me that people continue to consume meat products.

My immediate concern is for the welfare of the animals. My belief is that even if they are going to be slaughtered for food the least we can do is treat them humanely until they are killed. It almost reminds me of what happened during the Holocaust. I certainly do not want to be a party to these kind of actions. If animals going to slaughter are injured and unable to walk it is impossible to move them humanely. My feeling is that animals who are too sick or injured to stand should not be allowed to enter the human food chain.

We are at a real crisis in this country with the quality of the food that we consume. Not only with animal products but also with our fruits and vegetables. The amount of pesticides, antibiotics, etc. that we consume is unacceptable to me. Please look at all of the facts concerning this issue and take a trip to a slaughterhouse (unannounced) and see for yourself what takes place there.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

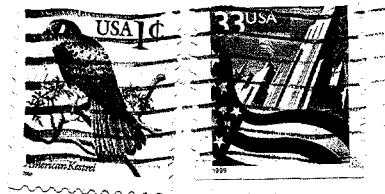
Sincerely,


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